

Wrestling: Individual Section Tournament Requirements

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Staff Recommendations

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Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Wrestling

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

League staff desires to create a policy governing the administration of section individual tournaments where no such policy exists.

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

Individual Section Tournament Requirements

To protect the health and safety of participants by meeting the NFHS and Bylaw limitation of 6 matches per day, competitive sections assigned 10 or more TEAMS must use a 2-day tournament format.

Competitive sections assigned 9 teams or less may use a 1-day tournament format.

Note: Competitive sections that are assigned *EXACTLY 10* teams may request to utilize a 1-day tournament format.

The request must come directly from the region secretary to the MSHSL Director for wrestling. If approved, the League will provide the section with an appropriate bracket type and seed process to ensure all wrestlers stay within the NFHS/Bylaw limitation of 6 matches per day.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

The proposal is supported by a recent (effective 2023-2024) change in the NFHS Rules to increase the daily match limit from five matches per day to six matches per day. The board approved policy language to align with the increase allowed by NFHS rule.

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

This proposal is being submitted to protect the health and safety of each participant and to ensure the use of tournament formats that eliminate the potential for wrestlers to exceed the maximum daily limit of 6 matches as allowed by NFHS rules and Bylaw.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

This proposal proactively protects the health, safety and eligibility of participants in section individual wrestling tournaments by requiring tournament formats that do not allow the daily match limit to be exceeded.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

Bylaw 502 and related policy language limit the number of matches a participant can wrestle each day to six.

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

This proposal is supported by the Wrestling Advisory and state tournament staff.

Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

The proposal would require 7 sections who previously administered a 1-day tournament to administer a 2-day tournament format. Of those 7 sections, four are currently assigned 10 teams and can request to use a 1-day tournament format provided by the League.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

This proposal is directed specifically at section tournament administration. While this adds expense to some section tournaments, it also protects the eligibility of the participants by eliminating the possibility of wrestling in more than six matches in a single day.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

The proposal requires twelve sections to administer a 2-day section tournament. In 2024, five of the twelve sections utilized a 2-day format.

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

N/A

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

N/A

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

Host sites for sections required to use 2-days will need to accommodate their facility schedule to align with the policy.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

N/A

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

To ensure readiness for state tournament competition, the League establishes the date by which section tournaments must be completed. The proposed policy will ensure tournaments are completed as they are intended and by the deadline established by the League.

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